

## THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 6, 1859.

## GUILLOTINE EXECUTION IN PARIS.

The Paris correspondent of the Boston Traveller gives the particulars of the execution of Nicholas Parang by the guillotine.

It was painted red throughout, and consisted of a staging accessible by a flight of stairs, and rising six feet from the ground, the summit surrounded by a low rail. In the centre of the floor thus offered were planted two stout uprights, a foot and a half apart, and eight or ten high. These were grooved for the passage of the knife—a broad, dull blade weighing, as I informed, one hundred and fifty pounds—was drawn up and attached to the cross-piece above, ready to descend on the pressure of a spring. On the floor, and facing the interval between these posts, is placed a low, low framework or car, which runs forward on grooves, and a plank fixed upon it. In preparing for an execution, this plank is raised so as to be at right angles to the car, and the criminal, on ascending the steps, is marched forward against the plank. Being suddenly pushed from behind, he falls with the plank upon the car, and the pressure of this heaviest causes clamps to spring, which from below effectually restrain all movements. The same impulse gives motion to the car, which glides rapidly forward, and the lunette (a half circle of wood) at once imprisoning the neck, the axe descends.

As the clock struck eight, the gates of the prison opened, and two men in black came forward, supporting between them the criminal—a short, athletic man—his throat and chest bare, and his head uncovered. He mounted the scaffold with an uncertain and faltering step, fell for a moment on his knees, and then, rising, was pushed up to the upright plank. The executioner and his assistant took hold of him from behind, and at a given signal, pushed him forward on the car. We heard the rumbling of the wheels, the click of the lunette, and saw a man standing behind the posts grasp hold of the head, to steady it. The dull fall of the knife next reached our ears, and we saw a headless body lifted into a long box, which stood ready to receive it. This was at once lifted into a cart and driven off the ground. I have described the deed minutely, but the length of the account gives no idea of the actual rapidity. Not a minute after the actual execution, the criminal appeared at the gate of the prison, before his body was hurried from the spot.

## THE GAUITY OF PARIS.

A stranger in Paris, even during those seasons that a Parisian would consider dull and dreary, is astonished by the glitter, pomp and brilliancy which greet him on every hand, as well as by the throngs of pedestrians and vehicles that are constantly crowding its avenues. The season of gaiety sets in about the middle of July, and to see Paris in all its brightness we are here just in the proper time. Broadway in New York astonishes the American visitor, as Champs Elysees in London does the provincial Englishman, but Paris is at all times what New York would be with a half dozen Broadwayes crossing at every angle, or what London would be with Fleet streets and Champs Elysees permeating through every section of its wide-spread limits. The Englishmen and the American spend most of their time within doors, but the Frenchman is never happy unless out in the open air, and nothing but cold weather or a rain storm can prevent him from seeking the amusements of the Champs Elysees, a study walk in the gardens of the Tuilleries, the Luxembourg, or the Palais Royal, or a promenade on Rue Rivoli, or the Boulevards. Paris has been built to suit the peculiar tastes of its inhabitants in this respect, and its gardens, public squares and parks are as far in advance as those of London are in advance of New York. The Park de Boulogne, with its fountains, immense artificial lakes, groves and cascades, extends over an area of almost as many miles as Hyde Park covers acres, and the suburban resorts of Paris, such as the gardens of Versailles, St. Cloud, and Fontainebleau, astonish the visitors at their immense extent, as well as by the total disregard of cost with which they are beautified and ornamented.

## SLOW AT IMPROVEMENTS.

The sewing machine and the carpet sweeper, both of which are common household articles in this country, are yet only experiments in England. The sewing machine is used only in the larger clothing establishments of England, but the English journals which treat of mechanical improvements think it will some day become an article of household furniture. The carpet sweeper has quite delighted Prince Albert, by sweeping up clean the ashes from his cigar, which he had purposely dropped upon the floor!

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